

REMARKS

Claims 11-42 are pending in this application. Claims 29 and 30 have been withdrawn. Claims 11-28 and 31-42 stand rejected.

Interview Summary

During a telephone interview conducted August 17, 2009 by the undersigned representative with Examiner Coppola and his supervisor, Examiner Fisher, amendments proposed by applicants were presented and discussed.

It was agreed that the proposed amendments to independent claim 11 would distinguish over the references that served as the basis for the rejection of claim 11, but that a new search would be required. Applicants' representative assumes that similar amendments to the remaining claims also distinguish over the cited references.

Amendments

In the rejection of the previously pending claims the examiner equated the audio device of Yamauchi to the computer of a licensee and the memory card of Yamauchi to the claimed "data processing device." Applicants have amended claims 11-28 and 31-42 to clarify that the data processing device is a dongle and not just memory. Please see paragraph [0006] of the specification for support. A dongle is, for example, a device that is connected to a computer for purposes of authentication and/or authorizing, restricting or controlling the use of, or access to, the computer or, for example, resources, services, files, digital media, and programs on the computer. The specification identifies in paragraph [0005] an example of such a device as described in EP 1184771B1. It is submitted that the combination of Yamauchi and Murakami cannot meet these limitations.

Applicants have also amended the claims to specify that the authorization code is not stored in a secure file on the computer and that it is in a format that, when sent to the licensee's computer and shared on the dongle, can be read by the dongle but not by licensee's computer. Please see paragraph [0009] of the specification. It is submitted that the "content key" of

Yamauchi does not meet this limitation. Therefore, the combination of Yamauchi and Murakami also fails to meet this limitation.

With these clarifications, it is submitted that the amended claims 11-28 and 31-42 set forth subject matter patentably distinct from the prior art of record. The subject matter of these claims enables obtaining an authorization code from another computer, using parameters stored on the computer that do not include an authorization code, where the code can be stored only on a dongle connected to a computer. In order to store on, or restore to, the dongle an authorization code, the computer to which the dongle is connected sends the parameters to a second computer and receives back an authorization code that cannot be read by the computer, and stores it on the connected dongle.

The examiners made some general suggestions during the telephonic interview on the arrangement of the limitations in at least some of claims and for addressing other issues. Applicants have chosen to try to follow at least some of those suggestions in the foregoing amendments. Please note, therefore, that there are differences between the amendments presented in this paper and the proposed amendments discussed during the interview. Applicants are not making these amendments in response to a rejection, or to narrow the claimed subject matter.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or credit any overpayments made to Deposit Account No. 070153 of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, Ref. No. 125542-1006.

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